

ASSOCIATION OF GENDER AND BONE DENSITY - A RETROSPECTIVE STUDY

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Abstract

BACKGROUND: Long-term survival of the implant is expected for the evaluation of success rate. In spite of the high success and survival rates, failures do arise and the certain factors are responsible for this. They include health age, gender, status habits, quality of bone, oral hygiene maintenance etc. Since, all the above can be involved, bone density influences the survival of implants to a greater extent.

AIM: The aim of this study is to assess the association between gender and bone density in implant received patients.

MATERIALS AND METHODS: This retrospective study included patients who had reported to saveetha dental college during June 2019- March 2020. Case records of 86,000 patients were reviewed and 400 subjects were recruited for the study based on the inclusion criteria such as age, gender, bone density and implant treatment received. Data was entered in excel sheet and later exported to SPSS software for statistical analysis. Both descriptive (percentage) and inferential statistics (Chi square test) were done.

RESULTS: D2 was the most common type of bone density noticed among implant patients (64.8%). No statistical significance for association of bone density and site of implant placement ($p > 0.05$). Statistical significance was observed between bone density and gender ($p < 0.05$).

CONCLUSION: Thus to conclude bone density was higher for the younger age group. There was an association between gender and bone density.

KEY WORDS: age, association, bone density, gender, implant survival.

I. Introduction

The term "Dental Implants" is now gaining a wide range of popularity in dentistry. Dental implant treatment had a routine clinical application in dental practice for several decades [1,2] and is an important component of prosthodontic procedures that improve the satisfaction and quality of a patient's life [3,4].

Long-term survival of the implant is expected for the evaluation of success rate. In spite of the high success and survival rates, failures do arise and the certain factors are responsible for this. They include health age, gender, status habits, quality of bone, oral hygiene maintenance etc. Since, all the above can be involved, bone density influences the survival of implants to a greater extent [5,6].

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Bone density of implants according to Misch is classified as follows:

D1 : > 1250 HU - Anterior Mandible

D2 : 850-1250 HU - Anterior and posterior Mandible.

D3 : 350 - 850 HU- Anterior and posterior Maxilla

D4 :150 - 350 HU - Posterior Maxilla

D5 : <150 Hu: Immature.

Among these D5 is not preferred usually for implant placement In the jaws, an implant placed in poor-quality bone with thin cortex and low-density trabeculae has a higher chance of failure compared with the other types of bones. This low density bone is often found in the posterior maxilla and several studies report higher implant failure rates in this region . When compared to the maxilla, clinical reports have indicated a higher survival rate for dental implants in the mandible, particularly in the anterior region of the mandible, which has been associated with better volume and density of the bone.

As the patient age increases there can be certain factors that can lead to reduction in bone density. For eg. in the female population osteoporosis is much common which can lead to failure of implants[7]. However, there are contradicting responses to this. According to a study [8] bone density is higher for mandibles than for the maxilla ; ie, higher for the posterior .Several factors, such as implant geometry, preparation technique, and quality and quantity of local bone influence primary stability, and primary implant stability is one of the main factors influencing implant survival rates. It is a prerequisite to establish mechanical rest, which seems to be essential for undisturbed healing and osseointegration. Implant stability can be measured by non-invasive clinical test methods (i.e., insertion torque, the periotest, resonance frequency analysis). One of these quantitative methods is the insertion torque described by Johansson and Strid. This method records the torque required to place the implant and provides valuable information about local bone quality.

Previously our team had conducted numerous clinical trials [9–13] and systematic reviews [14–18] and surveys [19,20] over the past 5 years. Now we are focussing on Retrospective study. The idea for this study stemmed from the current interest in our community.

Thus, this study aims at assessing the bone density and correlating it with gender and a to find out any possible association between them.

II. MATERIALS AND METHODS :

STUDY DESIGN AND STUDY SETTING:

This retrospective study included 400 subjects who reported to saveetha Dental College during June 2019 - March 2020 for dental treatment. Online database was used for data retrieval. Ethical approval was obtained from the institutional ethical committee .

DATA COLLECTION:

Data of 86,000 patients were analysed and 5000 patients who reported to the department of Implantology, Saveetha Dental College between June 2019-March 2020 were reviewed and 400 patients who met the inclusion criteria set for the study such as age, gender, site of implant placed , bone density were included in the study. Both males and females of the age group 21-70 years were taken into account. Patients with any systemic illness were excluded from the study. Repeated and incomplete data records were excluded. Data verification was done by an external reviewer.

STATISTICAL ANALYSIS:

Data was entered in microsoft excel sheet and later exported to spss software (version 20.0) for statistical analysis · Variable definition process was done. Both descriptive (frequency) and inferential (chi square test) were employed. Level of significance was set at $p < 0.05$ for this study.

III. RESULTS :

DESCRIPTIVE STATISTICS:

Figure 1 and table 1 shows that the highest no. of implant receiving patients belonged to the age group 21-30 years whereas it was least in the age group of 61-70 years. It was also inferred that as age increases the implant treatment also decreases in number. Figure 2 and table 2 shows that males had received the highest number of dental implants. Figure 3 and table 3 indicates that D2 was the most common type of bone density noticed among the patients.

Age	Frequency	Percent
21-30	124	31
31-40	96	24
41-50	96	24
51-60	62	15.5
61-70	22	5.5
Total	400	100

Table 1: Frequency and percentage distribution of implant treatment according to age. It is noted that the highest no. of implant receiving patients belonged to the age group 21-30 years (31%) whereas it was least in the age group of 61-70 years(5.5%).

GENDER	Frequency	Percent
FEMALE	161	40.3
MALE	239	59.8
Total	400	100

Table 2: Frequency and percentage distribution of implant treatment according to gender.

Males(59.8%) had received the highest number of dental implants compared to females(40.3%)

BONE DENSITY	Frequency	Percent
D1	57	14.2
D2	259	64.8

D3	81	20.3
D4	3	0.8
Total	400	100

Table 3: Frequency and percentage distribution of implant treatment according to bone density. D2(64.8%) is the most common type of bone density followed by D3 (20.3%) among implant patients.

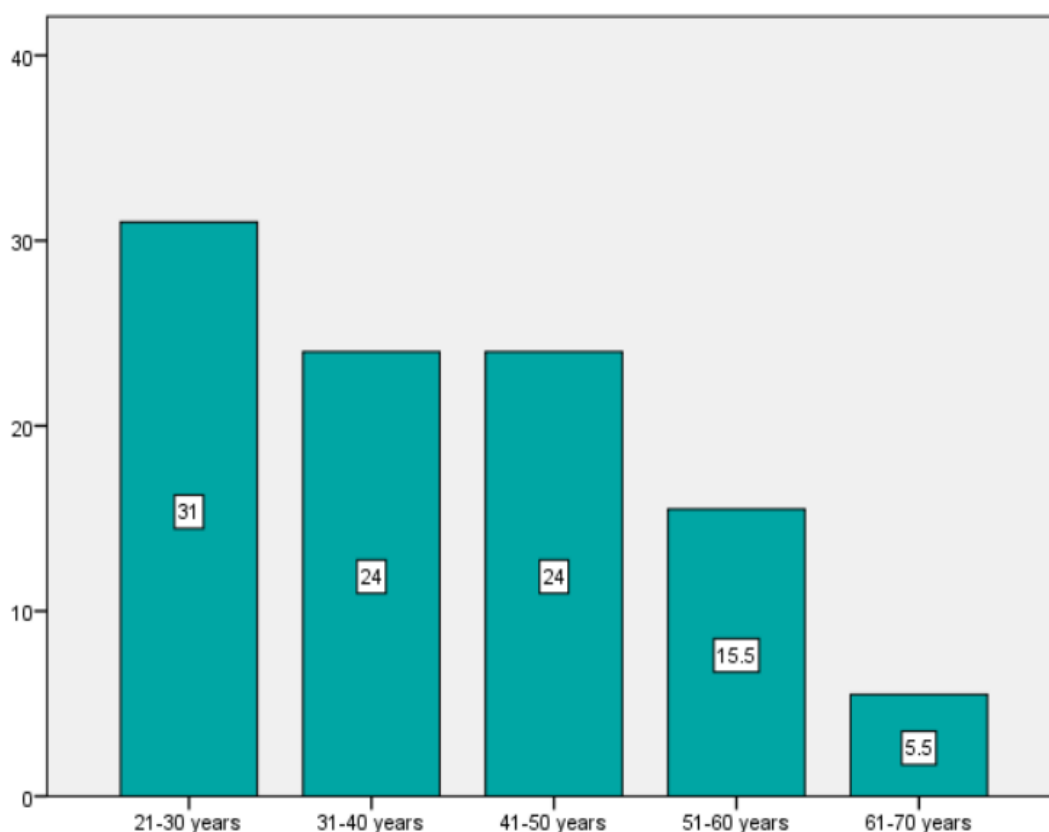


Figure 1: Bar graph depicting the distribution of implant treatment according to age. X- axis shows the age of the patient and Y- axis shows the percentage of implants received. It was noted that the highest no. of implant receiving patients belonged to the age group 21-30 years (31%) followed by 31-40 years of age (24%) ,41- 50 years of age (24%), 51-60 years of age (15.5%). It was least in the age group of 61-70 years(5.5%).

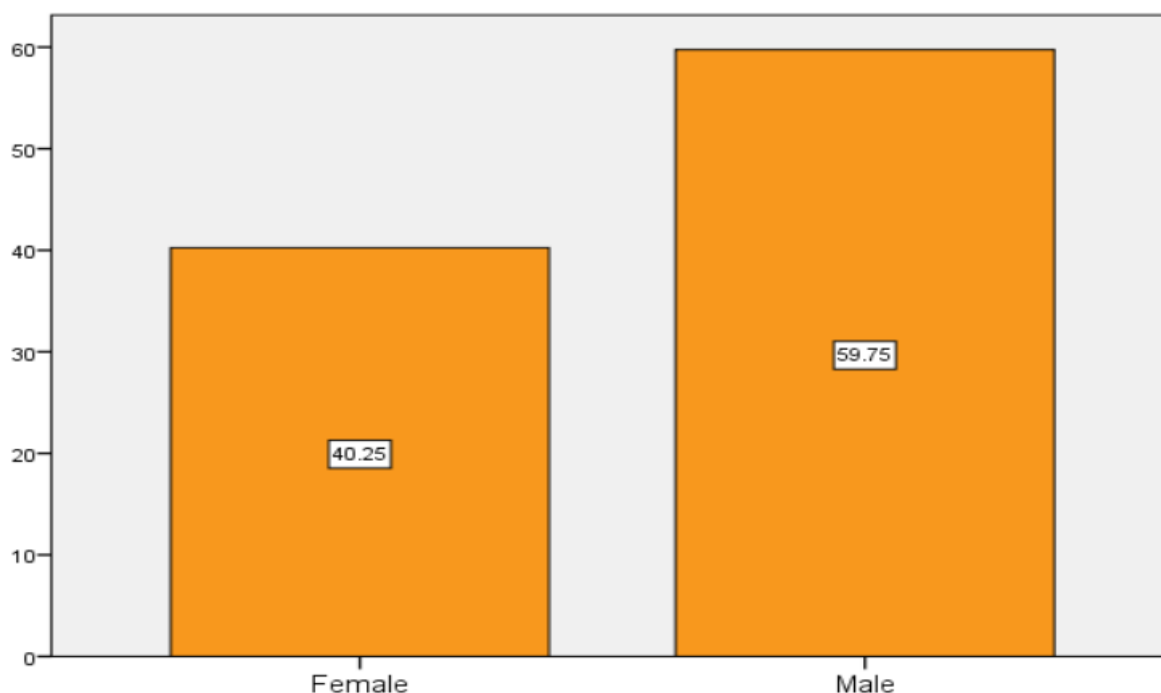


Figure 2: Bar graph depicting the distribution of implant treatment according to gender. X- axis shows the gender of the patient and Y- axis shows the percentage of implants received. It was noted that the males(59.8%) had received the highest number of dental implants compared to females (40.3%).

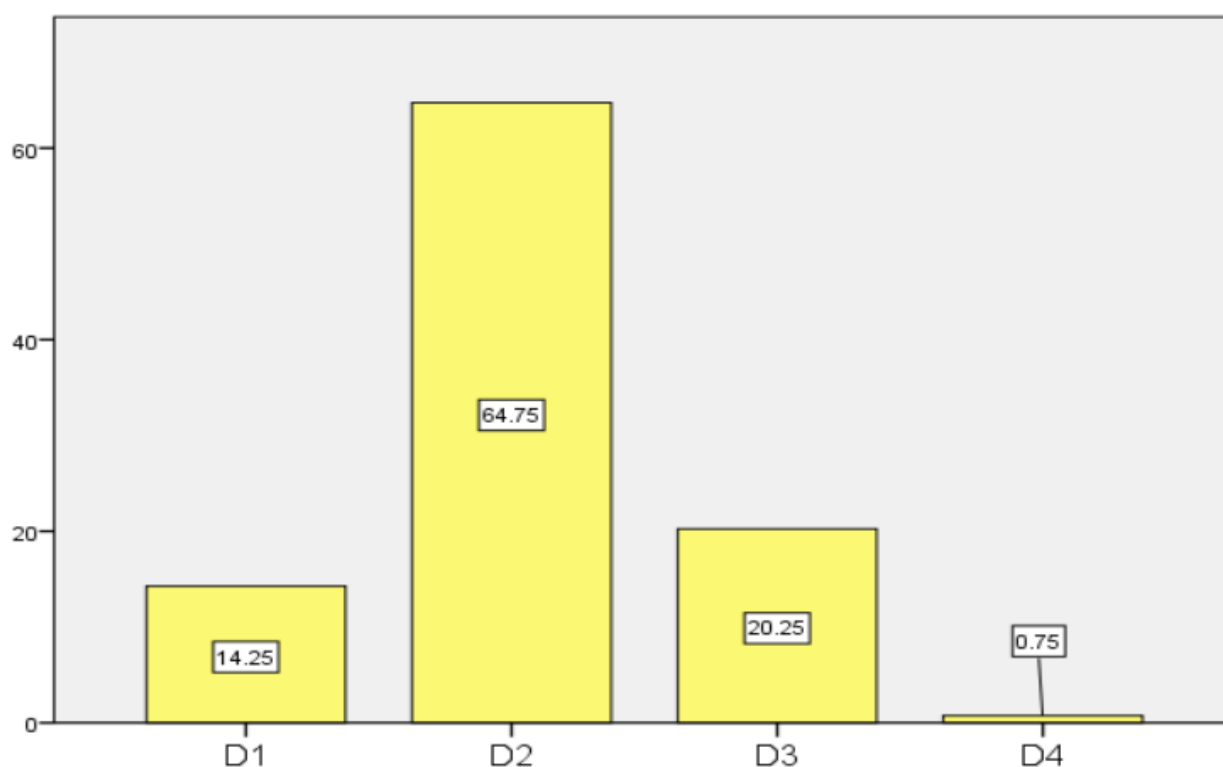


Figure 3 : Bar graph depicting the distribution of implant treatment according to bone density. X- axis shows the type of bone density of the patient and Y- axis shows the percentage of implants received according to bone density . D2(64.8%) was the most common type of bone density followed by D3 (20.3%), D1(14.25%), D4(0.75%) among implant patients.

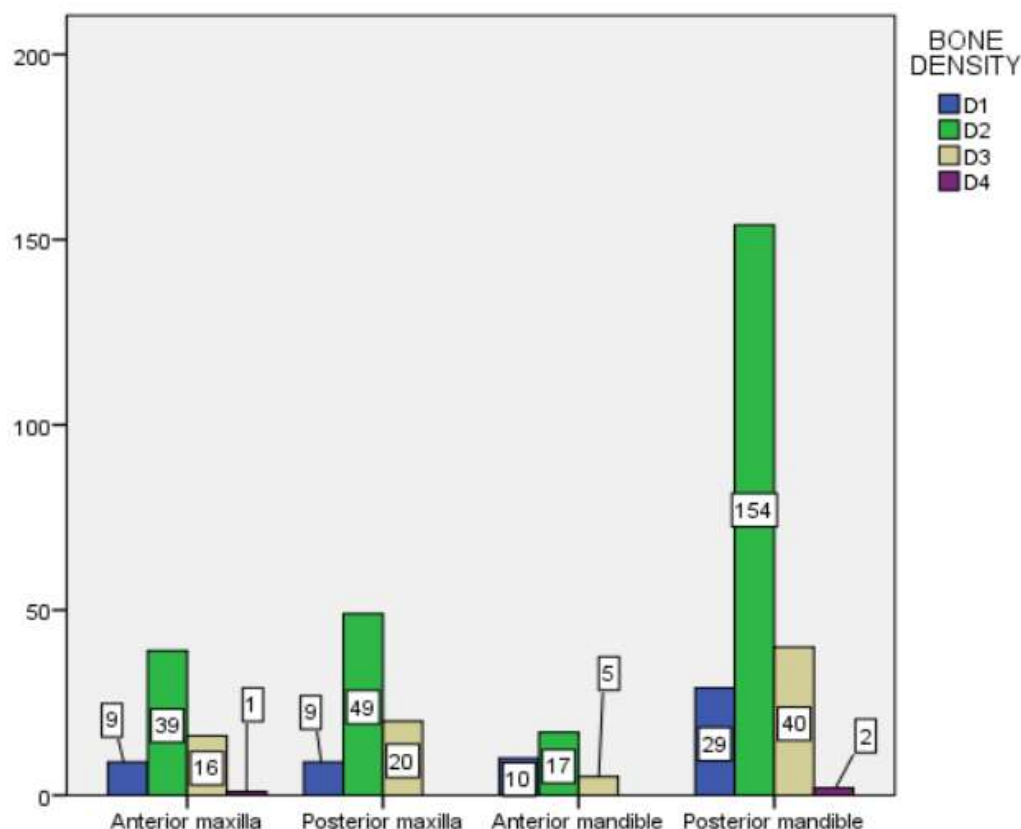


FIGURE 4 : Bar graph depicting the association between sextant and type of bone density. X-axis indicates the site of implant placement and Y - axis indicates the type of bone density. Dark blue colour denotes D1 type (Anterior maxilla:9; Posterior maxilla:9; Anterior mandible:10; Posterior Mandible:20) green colour denotes the D2 type (Anterior maxilla:39; Posterior maxilla:49; Anterior mandible:17; Posterior Mandible:154), brown colour denotes the D3 type (Anterior maxilla:16; Posterior maxilla:20; Anterior mandible:5; Posterior Mandible:40) and purple colour denotes the D4 type (Anterior maxilla:1; Posterior Mandible:2). Chi square test was done and the association between site of implant placement and type of bone density was found to be statistically not significant. (Chi square test-12.77, $p=0.17$, $p>0.05$). Though it was not statistically significant it is seen that D2 ($n=154$) was the most common type of bone density present in the mandibular posterior region and D4 ($n=2$) was the least common type in the mandibular posterior region.

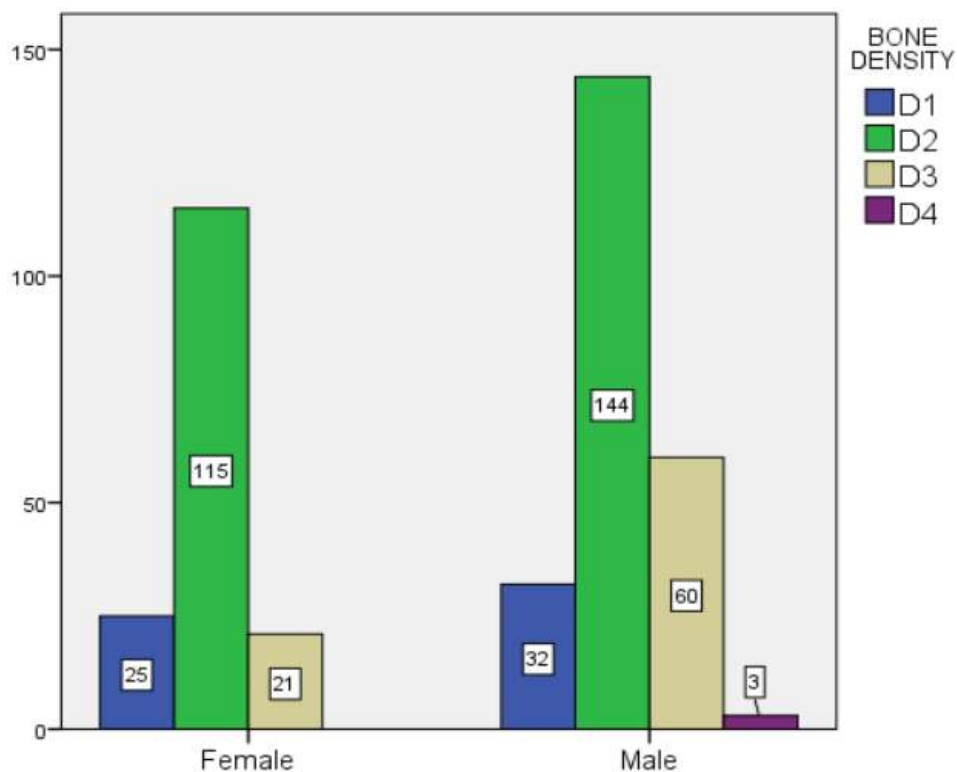


FIGURE 5 : Bar graph depicting the association between gender and type of bone density. X-axis indicates the gender of the patient and Y - axis indicates the types of bone density. Dark blue colour denotes D1 type (female-25, male-32), green colour denotes the D2 type (female-115, male-144), brown colour denotes the D3 type (female-21, male-60) and purple colour denotes the D4 type (male-3). Chi square test was done and the association between gender and type of bone density was found to be statistically significant. (Chi square test-11.67, $p=0.01$, $p<0.05$). So it was noted that among the males, D2 ($n=144$) is the most common type of bone density and D4 ($n=3$) is the least common type. Among the females, D2 ($n=115$) was the most common type of bone density and D3 ($n=21$) was the least common type.

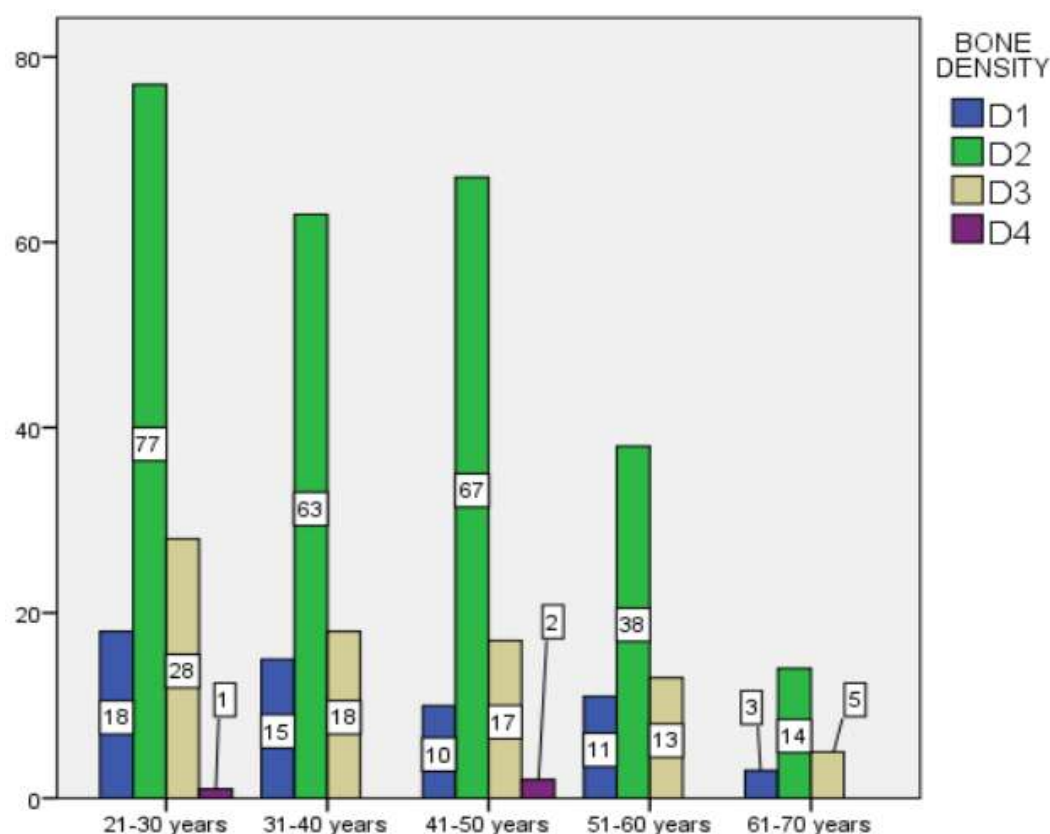


Figure 6 : Bar graph depicting the association between age and type of bone density. X-axis indicates the age of the patient and Y - axis indicates the types of bone density. Dark blue colour denotes D1 type (21-30 years of age -18, 31-40 years of age - 15, 41-50 years of age-10, 51-60 years of age-11, 61-70 years of age-3) , green colour denotes the D2 type (21-30 years of age -77, 31-40 years of age - 63, 41-50 years of age-67, 51-60 years of age-38, 61-70 years of age-14), brown colour denotes the D3 type(21-30 years of age-28, 31-40 years of age - 18, 41-50 years of age-17, 51-60 years of age-13, 61-70 years of age-5) and purple colour denotes the D4 type(21-30 years of age -1, 41-50 years of age-2). Chi square test was done and the association between gender and type of bone density was found to be statistically significant.(Chi square test-8.75, $p=0.02$, $p<0.05$). It was seen that among the age group of 41-50 years, D2 ($n=67$) was the most common type of bone density and D4 ($n=2$) was the least common type.

INFERENCE STATISTICS :

Figure 4 shows association between site of implant placed and bone density. No statistical significance ($p>0.05$).

Posterior maxilla - Most common - D2 ; Least common - D3.

Anterior maxilla- D2 - most common ; Least common -D4

Posterior Mandible - D2 - most common ; D4 - least common .

Anterior Mandible- D2 - most common; D3-Least common .

Figure 5 shows association between bone and gender density. Statistically significant ($p<0.05$)

D2 was the most common type of bone density noticed among both males and females. D4 type of bone density was not noticed among the female population included in the study.

Figure 6 shows association between age and bone density. Statistical significance was observed ($p < 0.05$)

As age increases, density of bone also decreases. D1 - density - most common - 21-30 years of age.

IV. DISCUSSION:

As the results obtained from the study, it is seen that implants are most commonly placed among the younger age group. (21-30 years of age). This is contradictory to a study by Dudley et al [8], which reports implants can be of much significance in the elder age group as in cases of full mouth rehabilitation, implant supported complete dentures etc.

Males have reported the highest implant received population and a study done by Chrcanovic et al, reports that highest failures of implant is also in males [21]. Similarly, according to Haas et al, [22] reports implants inserted in men are 1-21 times more likely to fail in men than women. This may be due to poor oral hygiene maintenance, habits, any systemic diseases etc.

According to [23,24], suggest that bone density is increased in mandible than in maxilla which has been associated with lower volume and density of bone. This study is also in accordance with this study. A study done by Salimov et al; Turkyilmaz et al, [25,26] says that bone density in the implant recipient site has a prevailing influence on primary implant stability. Primary stability is a very important determinant of success rate. In this study we found that D2 is the most common type of bone density, it means that the implant possesses a very high chance of survival. Nevertheless, future studies have to be done to evaluate the long term success rate of the implants. Gender and bone density for dental implants is still continuing to be a debatable topic [27].

The overall consensus of this study agrees that females have low mineral density as age proceeds. They don't affect the implant survival rate on a long term basis. All the points taken into consideration and put to conclusion that bone density is an important parameter in the assessment of implant success. Gender, age, and other demographic factors are also a contributing factor which determines the overall treatment outcome [28].

Implant success is as difficult to describe as the success criteria required for a tooth. A range from health to disease exists in both conditions. The primary criteria for assessing implant, is its bone quality or quantity. The presence of either one greatly compromises the implant and removal usually is indicated. Routine probing depths are not suggested in the absence of other signs or symptoms and may be related to the presence of local disease or preexisting tissue thickness before the implant was inserted. Bone loss is most often evaluated with radiographs, which only monitor the mesial and distal marginal bone next to the implant [29].

Implant failure is easier to describe than implant success or survival and may consist of a variety of factors [30,31]. Any pain, vertical mobility, and uncontrolled progressive bone loss warrant implant removal. The ICOI Pisa Consensus Conference has simplified and updated a Health Scale specific for endosteal implants and included categories of success, survival, and failure. In addition, these categories of health may be related to the prognosis of the existing conditions [32]. It is necessary that bone density should be considered as a key factor for implant success rate.

V. CONCLUSION:

Within the limits of the current study it is seen that bone density is increased in the younger age and there is a statistically significant association between gender and bone density.

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The authors declare that there is no conflict of interest

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